

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Trung T. Doan

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For:

CHEMICAL DISPENSING SYSTEM FOR SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER PROCESSING

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## RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF JANUARY 19, 2001

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

Applicant herein responds to the Examiner's Office Action of January 19, 2001. Please the application as follows. amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 34-35 and 41-43 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 36 to the form below.

36. (Once amended) A device for an edge bead, comprising:

- a dispenser configured to release a chemical toward said edge bead; and
- a splash controller around said dispenser, physically unattached from said edge bead, and configured to draw said chemical toward said splash controller, wherein said splash controller is configured to generate a gas pressure around said edge